U.S. DISTANCE COURT SAVANNAH DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORG A PAIR SAVANNAH DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

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Case No. 4:12-cr-00231

CARLOS BRUTUS,

Defendant.

MOTION FOR COMPASSIONATE UNDERSTANDING

COMES NOW the Defendant, CARLOS BRUTUS, <u>pro</u> <u>se</u>, and moves the Court for Compassionate Understanding pursuant to 18 USC 3582(c)(1)(A) which covers modification of sentence, and in support of same makes the following statement:

Your Honor, for these past few months I have been debating on whether or not I should file a Motion For Compassionate Release. I am a first time offender with a non-violent crime. I had to take a long look at myself in the mirror and ask myself, "Has anything changed about me after being locked up in federal prison for over 8 years?" I have come to understand one very important word in prison, and that word is "accountability." Accountability is a rare thing to find in prison. It takes hard work and much dedication to acquire it. I can now say with all honesty that I am making much progress in that area.

Almost every inmate in federal prison with a pulse is filing a "3582 Motion," Motion For Compassionate Release. There are even a few inmates who deserve a second chance at life. But the hard truth is that most people are just using this horrific COVID-19 pandemic as another

way to possibly get out of prison or reduce their sentence. As much as I would like to be a free man, the hard truth is that I really needed a prison term to get me on the right path. I understand now how I hurt my community by not being a productive citizen.

This Motion is a request, not for Compassionate Release, but for Compassionate Understanding. That is the only thing a guy like me should be granted at this time. Being a model inmate is not enough to merit a guy like me an early release. I strongly believe that for an inmate to invoke extraordinary and compelling reasons for release he must also give back in an extraordinary and compelling way. Right now, all I am requesting from the Court is compassionate understanding, and that is it.

I will work hard to make an impact on underprivileged youth and at-risk kids so that they can use me as an example of what not to be. I think that changing someone's life for the better is a compelling reason for early release.

So in closing, I respectfully request this Court to grant me this Motion For Compassionate Understanding but to deny me a Motion For Early Release or a Reduction In Sentence.

With that being said, I also respectfully request the Court to grant me a Court Order that allows me to start a program that will help at-risk youth who are in danger of going to jail, as long as the program is in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the BOP.

Respectfully submitted,

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